

**Developmental Disabilities Council
Health and Education Workgroup
DRAFT MINUTES
November 18, 2004**

Present: Sherrie Brown (chair), Julie Williamson-Purdy (co-chair), Angie Brothers, Alphonso Lee, Suzanne Gries, Carol Shaw, Joelle Brouner, and Laethen Wene.

Absent: Lou Colwell, Diana McMaster.

Staff: Eva Rooks and Brian Dahl

Call to Order/Agenda/Approval of minutes

The meeting was called to order. The agenda was reviewed, and changes were made to the agenda. The agenda item, "Special Education Lawsuit" was moved to the January meeting so that Lou Colwell could be part of the discussion. Since Stephanie Benfield had some early childhood education information to share with the group, this was added to the agenda. The minutes were reviewed.

Motion: Julie moved the minutes be approved as written. Laethen seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Overview of Health and Education Workgroup:

Julie Williamson-Purdy spent time reviewing with new members the workgroup's activities and the areas of concern. Julie also discussed the role of performance targets and how the changing federal requirements for performance targets have impacted the workgroup's activities.

Next State Plan Activities

Eva reviewed again the scheduled activities for preparation of the 2007-2011 State Plan.

Performance Target HE2

Julie explained the previous history of HE2 and briefly reviewed the crosswalk that had been developed and shared in September. Julie shared two areas that may be where the workgroup might want to focus additional attention: medication management for persons leaving the institutions and research to see what information is being provided regarding developmental disabilities in the new 411(social services referral) system which will be available statewide in 2005. The workgroup asked that

staff gather information on these two topics and bring this information back to the work group.

Health Training Project

Kathy Watson, with NW Center and UW, presented information about the health education project previously managed by Doug Cook. The project is funded until June 2005. Kathy shared handouts that described the different types of training, a power point of the new medication management module, and the participants' evaluation of the training. Kathy shared that for the most part the feedback on the training has been positive, but that it is a challenge to get all the training into the allotted time. Kathy stated that people appear to be most interested in learning about, aging, medication and mental health.

Early Childhood Education/Inclusive Child Care

Stephanie Benfield provided an update to the workgroup on Early Childhood Education. The biggest item is the adoption of the early learning benchmarks, which have been released by the Governor's office. The benchmarks are for

parents, teachers and care providers to use in monitoring the development of young children. The benchmarks are available on the Governor's website.

Next Month's Agenda

- Reword HE1
- Research results on HE2
- Special Education Lawsuit

Meeting was adjourned